

A B I L L

To authorize checks to be drawn in favor of banking organizations for the credit of a person's account, under certain conditions.

1       Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives  
2       of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That  
3       section 3620 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (31 U.S.C.  
4       492), is amended--

5               (1) by inserting the designation "(a)" before the  
6       word "Except" at the beginning thereof; and

7               (2) by adding the following new subsections at the  
8       end thereof:

9               "(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) or any other  
10       provision of law, and under regulations to be pre-  
11       scribed by the Secretary of the Treasury, the head of  
12       an agency may, upon the written request of a person  
13       to whom a payment is to be made, authorize a disbursing  
14       officer to make the payment--

15               "(1) by sending to the bank, savings insti-  
16       tution, or Federal or State chartered credit union  
17       designated by that person a check that is drawn  
18       in favor of that organization and for credit to  
19       the account of that person; or

20               "(2) if more than one person to whom a pay-  
21       ment is to be made designates the same banking  
22       organization, by sending to the organization a

1           check that is drawn in favor of the organization  
2           for the total amount due those persons and by  
3           specifying the amount to be credited to the  
4           account of each of those persons.

5           In this subsection, 'agency' means any department,  
6           agency, independent establishment, board, office,  
7           commission, or other establishment in the executive,  
8           legislative, or judicial branch, of the Government,  
9           any wholly owned or controlled Government corporation,  
10          and the municipal government of the District of  
11          Columbia.

12          "(c) Payment by the United States of a check,  
13          drawn in accordance with subsection (b) and properly  
14          indorsed, shall constitute a full acquittance for the  
15          amount due to the person requesting payment."